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REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 and 6 stand rejected under 35U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eto et al. (USP 5,701,581).

To expedite the prosecution, a RCE has been filed and claims 6 and 10 have been amended. More specifically, claim 6 has been amended so that structural features are recited, and claim 10 has been amended so that claim 10 now depends from claim 6.

As discussed in the REMRKS of the last response, it is to be noted that Eto et al. does not disclose insertion of "I" frames as well the structure where insertion of "I" frames is performed by the control from the decoder side or the CCU side.

In the amended claim 6, it is recited that "each of said receiving devices can be switched so as to receive compressed image data from a desired one of said transmitting devices, each of said receiving devices comprising means for sending, through said network, an I frame sending request to one of said transmitting devices, which one is the transmitting device from which compressed image data is to be received after switching, each of said transmitting devices comprising means responsive to said I frame sending request to send out compressed image data of I frame to said network, whereby when switching from one of said transmitting devices to another is performed with respect to one of said receiving devices, said transmitting device which is to transmit compressed image data after switching is able to send said compressed image data of I frame in response to said I frame sending request to said receiving device, which sent said I frame sending request".

As set forth in the amended claim 6, according to the present invention, when a receiving device which is receiving compressed image data from a first transmitting device, is switched to receive another compressed image data from another or second transmitting device, the receiving device sends an I frame sending request to the second

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transmitting device. As a result, the second transmitting device sends a compressed image data of I frame in response to the I frame sending request to the receiving device.

The foregoing amendment is believed to present apparatus claims that are not anticipated by the cited prior art.

Claims 27 has been added for the Examiner's consideration and is believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

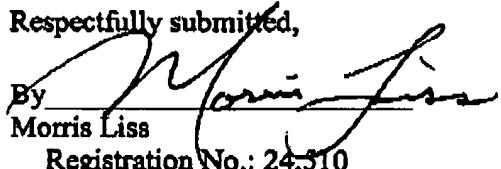
In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21900-00020-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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